

# National Board Certification Program



National Board for Professional Teaching Standards® (NBPTS) is a classroom-based professional development focused on developing teaching practice through self-reflection and study of practice—reflecting on your practice and your students. Actively participating in the four National Board components, using the National Board Standards and the Five Core Propositions, candidates identify evidence of student learning and make the critical link between teaching practice and student learning gains.

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## ***Who can apply for National Board Certification?***

Teachers, Librarians or Counselors who:

- Hold a bachelor's degree
- Have completed three full years of teaching or school counseling
- Possess a valid state teaching or school counseling license (Exception: If you are teaching where a license is not required)

Previous AISD National Board candidates accepted into the AISD National Board cohort are not eligible to apply again.

A maximum of three (3) candidates will be funded from any individual campus through the AISD National Board Certification Program.

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## ***What is the expected commitment from candidates in the program?***

An expectation of the program is a commitment to a learning community - a commitment of time, effort, and active participation over a two-year period. In addition, there will be assignments to be completed outside meeting times, such as videotaping classroom lessons and writing in depth and at length about teaching practices and professional commitments and accomplishments that impact student learning.

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## ***What is the selection criteria?***

Thirty candidates will be accepted into the 2016-2018 Austin ISD National Board Cohort. Each application will be scored using the following selection criteria:

- Title 1 Campus (1 point)
- Low-Represented Campuses that have less than two NBCTs (1 point)
- Improvement Required Campuses (1 point)
- Principal Recommendation (up to 5 points)
- Years of Service will serve as tie breaker

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## ***How much does National Board certification cost?***

Austin ISD will fund the four required components for each candidate who is accepted into the 2016-18 National Board cohort. Candidates are responsible for the annual non-refundable \$75 registration fee payable to NBPTS.

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## ***For more information:***

<http://www.austinisd.org/pd/certification-program>

<http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/>

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**The application for the National Board Program will be open February 15 – April 1, 2016.**

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